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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 as follows:

B1
~~This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/506,135, filed February 17, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,330,106, which claims the priority benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/120,470, filed February 17, 1999, which is herein incorporated by reference.~~

Please insert between paragraphs 3 and 4 on page 4 the following new paragraph:

B2
FIG. 4A is a diagram similar to FIG. 1B showing another clamping mechanism.

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, line 21, to page 7, line 9, as follows:

B3
When the tissue specimen 34 is placed in the tray in the base 26 and over the window 32 as shown in FIGS. 3 and 4, the specimen 34 is held down by the clamp mechanism 40 in a fixed orientation. The clamp mechanism which is illustrated has hooked or barbed fingers which are hinged to the sidewalls 28 at spaced locations. The mechanisms include springs 42 which provide over center locks, such that when the fingers are pressed down beyond their axis of